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AGAINST THE WHOLE EARTH

DEWEY SAYS HIS FLEET CAN HOLD MANILA.

The Admiral Came Ashore and Gave Out a Short Interview—Filipinos are Becoming Conciliatory—Fears No Trouble.

Manila, Dec. 16.—Dewey came ashore today but refused to be interviewed. He turned to the interviewer and said that he was glad to learn that the insurgents were releasing sick Spanish soldier prisoners, notwithstanding their former refusal to do so. This proves that the insurgents are conciliatory in spite of their defiant talk.

Dewey always believed that the insurgents are friendly, except a few ambitious Filipinos who in an ambitious attempt at self advancement are clamoring for independence, though unable to realize its true meaning.

The admiral believes there will be no conflict, as the friendly feeling is increasing and the newspapers are aiding this feeling.

Dewey says: "Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."

He expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to pay the insurgent troops overdue wages; the whole amount would be a trifling sum, which might have a valuable effect and may save in calculable trouble. He is strongly convinced that the insurgents deserve acknowledgement.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. H. H.*

Senator Tillman has introduced a bill in the Senate to grant a pension of \$50 per month to Mrs. Belle Alston, widow of the late Col. Jos. K. Alston.

Two large barns filled with grain and hay and the stables of Mr. M. S. Cantey, of Summerton, were burned Thursday night. Two mules, a cow and a horse (the latter belonging to Rev. A. B. Watson) perished in the flames. Loss \$1,500. No insurance.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today. To banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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DEATH FROM THOUGHT-LESSNESS.

Ridgeway Man Accidentally Fires a Trap Gun He Had Set for the Benefit of Thieves.

Special to The State.

Ridgeway, Dec. 14.—A fatal accident of an unusual character occurred today near Blythwood, and has brought grief to numbers of the good people of this section.

Mr. John Haightcock, a young man of prominence in his neighborhood, has been recently troubled by thievish visits to his corn crib in the night time. To alarm the rogues, he set a rudely constructed spring gun and connected it with the door of his crib. This morning he thoughtlessly opened the place without releasing the attachment, and, in consequence, received a pistol ball in the region of his heart, which caused his death in 15 minutes.

Mr. Haightcock was the grandson of Washington Haightcock, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Fairfield, and married last year a daughter of Mr. Thos. J. Robertson of this place. In the sorrow of these bereaved families, the entire community shares.

John Harper, Colored, Dies on the Gallows.

Special to The State.

Cheraw, Dec. 16.—John Harper, colored, who killed Sandy Campbell last spring and was convicted of murder at the spring term of court, was hanged at 2 o'clock today at Chesterfield court house. Quite a large crowd gathered near the jail to witness the execution of the sentence. The condemned man showed a great deal of bravery, meeting death without flinching. He was taken down in 15 minutes after the drop and pronounced dead. He made a short speech to the crowd of 400 persons present and said that he did not intend to kill Campbell. After his talk he opened a hymn book and read the hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and asked the crowd to join with him in singing it. Several did so. He then knelt down and prayed, after which he told the sheriff he was ready. He never flinched while the entire preparations were going on. He is the first person hanged in this county in about 50 years.

Six Killed in a wreck on the Florida Central & Peninsular.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—A passenger train on the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad was wrecked this afternoon near Madison, caused by a collision with cattle on the track, although the engineer made every effort to stop the train. Six people were killed, as follows: E. H. Chandler, engineer; James Evans, colored, fireman; John T. Sullivan, of St. Augustine, attached to the army; Rev. S. H. Coleman, a colored preacher of Jacksonville; Jno. A. Rhodes, of Pensacola, and Alfred Austin, of Chaires, both colored.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1.00. Guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Smoking Kennedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Calvin S. Brice, former U. S. Senator from Ohio, died of pneumonia, last Thursday.

JAS. B. WILLIAMS MUST DIE.

Sentenced to be Hanged Next Month and the Judge Says he is a Doomed Man.

James B. Williams was sentenced yesterday by Judge Klugh to be hanged on Friday, January 27th, for the murder of Charley Potts, in this city, and the judge added to the sentence a warning that there was no escape from it and that the prisoner would sooner or later die on the gallows.

"You are a doomed man. Your days are numbered. You should make your peace with God" were among the solemn sentences that Judge Klugh spoke to the prisoner. The judge said he was glad to know that an appeal would be taken. He was satisfied the verdict of the jury would be sustained and he did not believe that a case could be made which would induce the governor to commute the sentence even to life imprisonment.

Public sentiment generally approved the utterances of the judge, but the general feeling was that Williams is suffering now for two deaths and that the killing of Major W. A. Williams, for which he was tried and acquitted nearly eight years ago, is being avenged now.—Greenville News, 16th instant.

To Care for Confederates.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Rixey of Virginia today introduced a bill for the admission of Confederate as well as Union soldiers to all soldiers' homes and government institutions maintained by the government. The text of the bill is as follows: "That after the passage of this act all soldiers' homes and other institutions maintained by the government for maimed, crippled and needy soldiers and sailors of the United States shall be open to all soldiers and sailors of the civil war of 1861-65, upon the same terms, and without discrimination as to whether they enlisted upon the side of the Union or the Confederacy."

BEATS THE KLONDIKE

Mr. A. C. Thomas, Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure: would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Crawford Bros' Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Gold in Kershaw.

Special to The State.

Camden, Dec. 17.—It is reported that gold has been discovered on the place of Mr. J. N. McCaskill, near Shamrock, in the upper portion of this county. It is said that particles of gold as large as grains of wheat have been found, and it is very likely that it is a very rich vein.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

COL. BRYAN STILL SILVER'S CHAMPION.

Says It is to be the Main Issue in Next Election.

New York, Dec. 17.—The World will tomorrow publish the following. William J. Bryan is in town. He was found last night, (Saturday) at the Bartholdi hotel. Col. Bryan declared himself an uncompromising opponent of the McKimley policy of expansion. He said:

"It is too early at this time to discuss party politics for the presidential election of 1900, but I think the issues will then be free silver, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism and the rights of labor. I have already expressed myself against imperialism and territorial expansion. The proposal to adopt the colonial idea of European nations is fraught with the greatest danger."

"What will be the fate of the treaty in the senate I do not care to predict. While I was in Washington, I sought all the information I could get. I cannot say that I learned sufficient to warrant me in expressing a positive opinion."

"Do I think free silver will be the issue in 1900? Certainly. It will be the main question. How about the labor problem? I am not prepared to answer that question."

FREE PILLS

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Crawford Bros. Druggist.

Prisoners Escape From Greenwood's Jail.

Special to The State.

Greenwood, Dec. 17.—Will Logan, Hamp Satterwhite, Cy Adams, Sam McGrier and Sam Bradley, colored prisoners at the county Jail, escaped Thursday night by overpowering Jailer McCaslan and a "trusty." Satterwhite was recaptured in town. Sheriff McCaslan offers a reward of \$25 each for the return of the other four.

Important Notice to the Public.

All parties indebted to Stevens, Heath & Elliott or to Heath & Elliott MUST come forward and pay up or make satisfactory arrangements with the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 24th day of December. Both of these firms having dissolved, it is absolutely necessary for all outstanding claims to be settled up without further delay.

Now please remember the last day of grace—Saturday the 24th. Parties disregarding this notice will find their obligation in the hands of an officer for collection after that date.

J. C. Elliott.

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NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW.

Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

It may not be generally remembered that the State will have practically a new county government system next year. The law providing for the change of system is not in the Statute books. It will not be printed in the statutes until the acts for next year are published. This happened in this way: The general assembly at its last session, passed the new county government bill, and provided that it should go into effect in several counties shortly after its adoption. Representations were made to Gov. Elbert that it would not be well for the new system to go into effect during last spring and last summer in the counties indicated, because of certain work then in progress, which might be jeopardized by a change of officers. The Act was "held up," and it does not go into effect until after the assembling of the general assembly. It has neither been approved or disapproved by Gov. Elbert, but simply goes into effect by the operations of the constitution, three days after the session of the general assembly begins. The Act will no doubt go into effect on the 1st of February, when the new commissioners are to begin their term of office, under the provisions of the bill. It may be that the machinery can be started before that time. The Act provides:

Section 1 provides "That the office of county supervisor, as now provided by law, shall continue, and the successors of the present supervisors shall be elected by the people at the next general election, with a term of office for two years, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified."

Section 2 provides "That the governor shall, before the first day of February, 1899, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and before the 1st day of February of each succeeding two years, appoint upon the recommendation of the members of the general assembly from the several counties or a majority of them, two persons from each county who shall be known as the commissioners of the county, and who shall act with the supervisor in the governmental matters of the county, the said supervisors and commissioners together to constitute a board to be known as the board of county commissioners." The supervisor shall be chairman of the board of county commissioners, so to be constituted."

Section 3 provides "That on the first day of February 1899, the office of county commissioners and township commissioners, as now provided to be appointed by the governor, shall be abolished, and the jurisdiction, duties and powers now devolved by law upon the appointive boards of county and township commissioners, are hereby devolved upon the board of county commissioners herein provided for, to consist of a county supervisor and two commissioners."

Section 4. "The board of county commissioners and township commissioners now appointed by the governor after the appointment and qualification of the commissioners provided for in this Act, shall continue in office as county boards of equalization and township boards of assessors until

their successors shall be appointed, and the governor of this State is hereby authorized and empowered, on the recommendation of a majority of the members of the general assembly of the respective counties, every two years, to appoint such county boards of equalization and township boards of assessors as are now provided by law for the appointment of county commissioners and township commissioners."

Section 5. "That sections 1 and 2 of an act approved March 9, 1896, entitled 'An Act to amend sections 2,375, 2,376 and 2,412, revised statutes of 1892 be, and the same are hereby, repealed.'"

Section 6. "The county boards of commissioners shall have the same right and duties with reference to the preparation of jury lists as are now devolved by law upon the present county board of commissioners."

Section 7. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed."

Section 8. "The provisions of this act shall not apply to Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Fairfield, Hampton, Spartanburg, Kershaw, Charleston and Cherokee counties."

A HORRIBLE CRIME

Two Men Commit Murder for Money in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—Telegraph advices from Banks, Ala., tell of a horrible crime at the Myer's plantation near Josie postoffice, eight miles from Banks.

Mrs. Ida Myers, a wealthy widow, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. Myers, also a widow, conducted a store, and it was known that they kept a large amount of money in the dwelling across the road from the store. A young man named Cook was employed to superintend the farm, and he occupied a room in the house. Some time between midnight and day Cook was aroused by a noise in the room of the older Mrs. Myers. He sprang out of bed and ran to the door of the room and saw Mrs. Myers struggling with two strange men. He rushed to her assistance and was knocked senseless with a club. When he regained consciousness he found the house on fire and the elder Mrs. Myers apparently dead on the floor. Dragging her from the fire he went in search of the younger Mrs. Myers and found her dead in her room, her brains having been beaten out. He rescued her body just in time from the flames. He then rang the farm bell and aroused the neighbors, who came in great numbers, but who were too late to save the house or any of the contents.

It is believed that the robbers obtained about \$3,000 in cash and evidently they thought they had killed all three parties and fired the house to cover up their crime. The neighborhood is greatly excited and scores of men are out searching for the miscreants, who if caught will doubtless be lynched. At last accounts no trace had been discovered. The condition of the elder Mrs. Myers is critical.

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